



TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Subject: Notice of Intent to Form a GSA

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723, the Tulare Irrigation District ("TID"), a California Irrigation District formed pursuant to Water Code Sections 20500 et seq., hereby gives notice pursuant to Water Code Section 10723 of its intent to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"). Specifically, it is TID's intent to enter into a joint powers agreement pursuant to Water Code 10723.6 with the City of Tulare and the City of Visalia to form a Joint Powers Authority for the purpose of serving as a GSA that would undertake sustainable groundwater management within a portion of the Kaweah Sub-Basin (DWR Sub-Basin No. 5-22.11). Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723(d), the boundaries for the area that the Joint Powers Authority would serve as a GSA are generally described as the area within jurisdictional boundaries of each member of the Joint Powers Authority once it is formed.

On August 11, 2015, after giving notice as required by Water Code Section 10723 and Government Code Section 6066, TID held a public hearing in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b). Following the hearing, the TID Board of Directors affirmed its intent to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purpose of forming a Joint Powers Authority with the City of Tulare and the City of Visalia that will serve as a GSA for the above-described portion of the Kaweah Sub-Basin.

TID is informed that the City of Visalia noticed and held its public hearing on July 20, 2015, and that the City of Tulare noticed and held its public hearing on July 21, 2015. Now that all prospective members of the proposed Joint Powers Authority have completed their public hearings and authorized formation, the joint powers agreement will be finalized and executed by the parties, thereby forming a Joint Powers Authority. Once the joint powers agreement has been executed by all of the parties, the newly formed Joint Powers Authority will then submit notice of

formation of a GSA to the Department in accordance with Water Code Section 10723.8, thereby signifying its intent to serve as a GSA and undertake sustainable groundwater management as described above.

In the interim, TID intends to continue to work with the City of Tulare and the City of Visalia to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the Kaweah Sub-Basin in accordance with Water Code Section 10723.2. To that end, TID intends to continue to work with the City of Tulare and the City of Visalia to identify a list of interested parties for the purpose of considering how their interests will be addressed in the development and operation of the GSA once it is formed, and the development and implementation of a groundwater sustainability plan once that task is undertaken. TID also intends to continue to work with the City of Tulare and the City of Visalia to reach out to other public agencies capable of and considering formation of additional GSAs in the Kaweah Sub-Basin, for the purpose of coordinating efforts for sustainable groundwater management planning and development of a Coordination Agreement in accordance with Water Code Sections 10721(d), 10727(b)(3), and 10727.6.

If you have any questions, or require further information regarding any of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Hendrix, General Manager.

Sincerely,



David G. Bixler
President